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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: A. Aguzzi, *et al.*

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FOR TRANSMISSIBLE SPONGIFORM
ENCEPHALOPATHY AND METHODS
FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF NON-
INFECTIVE BLOOD PRODUCTS AND
TISSUE DERIVED PRODUCTS**

Examiner: J. Roark

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Box Fee Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 21, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. A Request for Extension of Time accompanies this response thereby extending the due date from December 21, 2001 to March 21, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 29-34 and add new claims 35-40 as follows:

35. (New). A method of testing for the presence of prions associated with transmissible spongiform encephalopathy in a test sample, the method comprising the steps of:

obtaining a test sample;

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